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SUBJECT: DPC MEETING NOV 29, 1973: REORGANIZATION OF ALLIED AIR
FORCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION

REF: A. USNATO 5711; B. STATE 233042

SUMMARY. AT MEETING NOV 29 DPC APPROVED REPORT TO DEFENSE
MINISTERS ON REORGANIZATION OF ALLIED AIR FORCES IN CENTRAL
EUROPE. BASIS FOR REPORT WILL BE PO/73/159 AND MCM-84-73.
UK AND CANADA STRESSED NEED FOR CAREFULLY WEIGHING FINANCIAL
IMPLICATIONS AS WELL AS MILITARY ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES
OF EACH OPTION. NETHERLANDS STATEMENT LEFT NO DOUBT THAT
DUTCH FAVOR COLLOCATING AFCENT AND AAFCE (ALLIED AIR FORCES
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CENTRAL EUROPE) AT BRUNSSUM IN BOTH PEACE AND WAR. END SUMMARY.

1. SYG LUNS INTRODUCED SUBJECT, NOTING THAT FINAL DECISION
HAS NOT YET BEEN TAKEN ON LOCATION OF AAFCE HEADQUARTERS.

RUMSFELD ENDORSED REPORTS, DRAWING ON REF B AND STRESSING NEED FOR PROMPT ACTION TO DESIGNATE AN AIR COMMANDER.

2. UK (PECK), IN ACCEPTING REPORTS AND CONCURRING WITH NEED FOR SPEEDY DECISION, EMPHASIZED THAT STUDY MUST ALSO BE THOROUGH AND COMPLETE TO INCLUDE MILITARY AND FINANCIL CON-

SIDERATIONS, AND COST, ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF EACH OPTION. HE ALSO STRESSED IMPORTANCE UK ATTACHES TO COLLOCA-TION OF AFCENT AND AAFCE HQ IN BOTH PEACE AND WAR.

3. CANADA (MENZIES) ALSO SUPPORTED REPORTS AND EXPRESSED HOPE FOR PROGRESS WITH MINIMUM ADDITIONAL COST TO INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS CONTRIBUTING FORCES, AND WITH MINIMUM IMPACT ON SCARCE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS AND ON PERSONNEL. REQUIREMENTS.

4. NETHERLANDS (BUWALDA) WELCOMED REPORTS AND SHARED UK VIEW ON IMPORTANCE OF COLLOCATION IN PEACE AND WAR. REFER-RING TO PARA 8C OF MC REPORT HE GAVE POINTED ASSURANCE THAT THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT WILL COOPERATE FULLY IN THEIR ASSESSMENT OF LOCATIONS IN THE NETHERLANDS.

5. DPC AGREED TO FORWARD REPORT TO DPC MINISTERS ON BASIS OF PO/73/159 AND MCM-84-73.
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